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### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

| No.       | Date of Publication | Patentee/Applicant/Assignee |
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| 1,082,762 | 12/30/1913          | Parkin                      |
| 1,779,573 | 10/28/1930          | Volckhausen                 |
| 1,878,128 | 09/20/1932          | Griswold                    |
| 3,130,748 | 04/28/1964          | Weingartner                 |
| 3,145,983 | 08/25/1964          | Higbee                      |
| 3,464,440 | 09/02/1969          | Nordt                       |
| 3,487,852 | 01/06/1970          | Kikendall                   |
| 4,325,468 | 04/20/1982          | Siorek                      |
| 4,591,314 | 05/27/1986          | Weber                       |
| 5,722,645 | 03/03/1998          | Reitter                     |
| 6,938,641 | 09/06/2005          | Abe                         |

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

Applicants hereby certify pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2), that no item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign

patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c), more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. Accordingly, Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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